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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MARCH 5 MEETING (SALT TWO-546)

1. AT OUR PLENARY TODAY I READ AND THEN PRESENTED SEMENOV WITH FULL TEXT OF OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH OUR RUSSIAN TRANSLATION. HE MADE NO COMMENT, EXCEPT TO SAY THEY WOULD HAVE TO STUDY IT AND TRANSMIT IT TO MOSCOW.

2. IN OUR BILATERAL I PROPOSED THAT IN ORGANIZING OUR FUTURE WORK A DRAFTING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED (I SAID ON US SIDE WOULD BE KLOSSON AND EARLE), TOGETHER WITH AD HOC WORKING GROUPS ON PARTICULAR SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECTS WHICH I SUGGESTED INITIALLY SHOULD BE SYSTEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT AND THEIR DEFINITIONS (ROWNY FROM OUR SIDE) AND VERIFICATION INCLUDING MIRV VERIFICATION (MAY FROM OUR SIDE). I SUGGESTED THAT DRAFTING GROUPS WORK AD REFERENDUM TO CHIEFS OF RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS, AND IN TURN I SAID THAT AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED MY WORK WITH SEMENOV WOULD BE AD REFERENDUM TO MY GOVERNMENT, UNLESS I INDICATED OTHERWISE. I SAID I PLANNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS BEGINNING THIS FRIDAY TO GIVE EXPOSITION ON OUR DRAFT AND, IF HE DESIRED, I WAS PREPARED TO MEET IN PLENARIES MORE FREQUENTLY,

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SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY OF THREE TIMES A WEEK. I SAID THAT

AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED DRAFTING AND AD HOC GROUPS I HAD SUGGESTED COULD BE MEETING AT INTERVALS BETWEEN PLENARIES AND I WAS PREPARED TO HAVE ANY OR ALL THREE GROUPS BEGIN MEETINGS TOMORROW. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AS OUR NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOPED WE CONSIDER POSSIBILITY ON AD HOC BASIS OF HAVING AN EXPERT OR SO FROM EACH SIDE PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT ACCOMPANY US TO CHIEFS OF DELEGATION MEETINGS. I EMPHASIZED I HAD NO FIXED OR RIGID VIEWS, MY OWN THOUGHT BEING THAT WE SHOULD NOT LET ANY FORMALITY STAND IN WAY OF FINDING MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF DELEGATIONS WORKING TOGETHER.

3. HE DEFERRED ANY REPLY, SAYING HE NEEDED TO TRANSMIT OUR TEXT TO MOSCOW AND DISCUSS WITH HIS DELEGATION. MEANWHILE HE REITERATED HIS STATEMENT IN THE PLENARY THAT HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD NOT FORGET THAT THEY HAD TABLED A DRAFT AND THAT I WOULD PAY "SUE ATTENTION" TO THE EXPOSITION HE HAD AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE WORKING ON THEIR DRAFT.

4. THE BALL IS NOW IN THEIR COURT.

5. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE HIS MEETING. JOHNSON

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